Suicide by a Scientist of NDRI Karnal

*40. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Scientist of the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, committed suicide in May, 1986 due to the alleged harassment at the hands of the N.D.R.I. management;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the circumstances leading to the suicide by the Scientist; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) A Technical Assistant T-6 of National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, committed suicide on 11th May, 1986. The Police is investigating the case. A Sub-Committee of the Governing Body of the I.C.A.R. has been constituted to determine the facts and identify administrative and scientific lapses, if any, leading to the above incident.

(c) The result of the Police investigations and the Report of the Sub-Committee are awaited.

Productivity of wheat and rice

61. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps that have already been taken and the steps Government propose to take in the Seventh Five Year Plan period for increasing the productivity of wheat and rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The steps taken hitherto to increase the productivity of wheat and rice including use of quality seed, judicious urge of Fertiliser, water management, plant protection measures, post harvest technology and price support operations, etc. During and the Seventh Five Year Plan, it is proposed to further increase the productivity of wheat and rice through the adoption of following measures:

1. Maximisation of productivity in irrigated and rainfed areas through better management.

2. Timely, easy and adequate supply of agricultural inputs like technology seeds, fertilisers, implements, plant protection chemicals, credit, etc.

3. Increasing the area under High Yielding Varieties Programme

4. Break through in rice production in the six Eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh through impelmentation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rice production in Selected Blocks.

5. Adoption of integrated plant protection measures.

6. Assuring minimum support price to the farmers and follow up with organisational support for purchase of produce.

7. Intensification of research effort so as to extend the benefits of new technology to more farmers, cropping systems and regions and to evolve varieties having attributes of better grain quality and resistant to pests and diseases, etc.

Development of sugarcane in West Bengal

62. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent so far on the development of sugarcane in the country and the total area brought under the scheme;

(b) whether any scheme for development of sugarcane in West Bengal has since been received from the Government of West Bengal; and

(c) if so, what decision Government have taken on the scheme?